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SUBJ: WSLF MOVES TO BROADEN ITS APPEAL; ADMITS RECEIVING ARMS  
SUPPORT

1. THE BRITISH, WEST GERMAN AND ITALIAN EMBASSIES REPORT  
THE IMMINENT TRAVEL TO LONDON, ROME, WEST GERMANY  
MOROCCO AND IRAQ OF TWO WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT (WSLF)  
DELEGATIONS. THE SIX MEMBERS, THREE PER DELEGATION ARE  
TRAVELLING ON SDR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. OSTENSIBLY THE  
PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO ELICIT SUPPORT FOR THE WSLF AND,  
WE ARE TOLD, TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING OFFICES  
IN SEVERAL EUROPEAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN CITIES. THE INDIVI-  
DUALS IN THE DELEGATION TO EUROPE ARE: AHMED HUSSEN HEYLE,  
IDRIS ALI BOORE AND HERSI FARAH NUR. THOSE IN THE SECOND  
GROUP TO TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST, ARE ABDIWELI ADAN  
MAHAMOUD, YASIN GELLE WARSAME, AND DAHIR WARSAME  
YUSUF.

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2. THE WEST GERMAN EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THE TWO DELE-  
GATIONS WERE FINANCED BY IRAQ. THE WEST GERMAN  
AMBASSADOR (METTERNICH), WHO SPENT SOME TIME WITH THE  
GROUP SLATED FOR THE EUROPEAN SWING REPORTS THAT HE  
WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE LEADER WHO, HE SAID,  
WAS BY SOMALI STANDARDS AT LEAST OF MINISTERIAL

CALIBRE. IN THE CONVERSATION, METTERNICH ASKED THE DELEGATES WHAT KIND OF WEAPONS SUPPORT THEY ARE NOW RECEIVING. WITHOUT HESITATION THE LEADER SAID THEY WERE RECEIVING "LIGHT ARMS FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES". THE WSLF DELEGATE SAID THEY WERE INTERESTED NOW ONLY IN ARMS THAT INDIVIDUALS COULD CARRY ON THEIR BACKS. (UNFORTUNATELY METTERNICH DID NOT MAKE A NOTE OF THE GROUP LEADER'S NAME, AND CANNOT IDENTIFY, THEREFORE, WHICH OF THE THREE WAS THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE GROUP.) THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY INTENDED TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH POLITICAL PARTIES, POPULAR ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE MEDIA IN GERMANY. HE DID NOT REQUEST ANY APPOINTMENTS WITH FEDREP OFFICIALS.

3. THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT RAMIFICATIONS OF THE WSLF MISSION AND ITS CANDOR. FIRST, THE WSLF IS MAKING AN EFFORT TO BROADEN ITS APPEAL AND PRESUMABLY TO ASSERT ITS INDEPENDENCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR), ALTHOUGH TRAVELLING ON GSDR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS WOULD NOT SEEM TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END. SECOND, THE STATEMENT TO AMBASSADOR METTERNICH THAT THE WSLF IS RECEIVING ARMS SUPPORT FROM FRIENDLY COUNTRIES IS THE ONLY ADMISSION OF THAT NATURE WE ARE AWARE OF. EVEN ASSUMING SUCH WEAPONS ARE PROVIDED FROM OFF-SHORE SOURCES, THEY MUST BE DELIVERED WITH AT LEAST THE TACIT APPROVAL OF

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